

In the claims:

Claims 1-5 cancelled.

6. (Previously presented) A holding device as defined in claim 13; and further comprising guide means for raisably guiding said holder on said carriage.

7. (Currently amended) A holding device as defined in claim 6, wherein said guide means being formed so that a path of raising of said holder is oriented upwards in relation to said carriage and contrary to a pulled-out direction of said carriage, so that on pulling out said carriage, said holder travels no distance or at least a shorter distance in the carriage pulled-out direction than said carriage.

8. (Original) A holding device as defined in claim 6, wherein said guide means of said holder has a four-lever mechanism, said carriage forming one lever and said holder forming an opposite lever of said four-lever mechanism.

9. (Previously presented) A holding device as defined in claim 13, wherein said holder has an insertion opening for a beverage container.

said holder also having an adjusting element which is movably mounted on said holder so that a size of said insertion opening is adjustable, said holder also having a securing device for said adjusting element so that said adjusting element can be secured in its position.

10. (Original) A holding device as defined in claim 9, wherein said securing device has a catch device.

Claim 11 cancelled.

12. (Currently amended) A holding device as defined in claim 4~~13~~, wherein said locking member is formed as a bolt which is located in the hole of said carriage and movable so as to engage into the opening of said housing when said carriage is pivoted into the position that is not approximately horizontal.

13. (Currently amended) A holding device for a beverage container intended for installation in a holdable arm rest in a motor vehicle, the holding device comprising a carriage guidable as a drawer to be displaceable back and forth between a pushed-in position and a pulled-out position so that a beverage container can be inserted into the holding device when said carriage is in the pulled-out position; guide means for guiding said

carriage during its displacement between said positions; a gravity locking device which is operative under the action of gravity and has a locking member which is displaceable under the action of gravity and locks said carriage in the pushed-in position when said carriage is not in an approximately horizontal position; a holder having an insertion opening for a beverage container, said holder being raisably guided on said carriage so that when said carriage is pulled out, said holder is raised and when said carriage is pushed in, said holder is lowered back onto said carriage.

14. (Previously presented) A holding device as defined in claim 13, wherein said guide means is formed so that a path of raising said holder is oriented upwards in relation to said carriage and contrary to a pulled-out direction of said carriage, wherein on pulling out said carriage, said holder travels a short distance in the pulled-out direction of said carriage than said carriage travels.